

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETECTION OF SOLID MATERIALS IN A PLASMA USING AN ELECTROMAGNETIC CIRCUIT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 2, 2009.

Please amend the Application as follows: